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I am opposed to the settlement of the Microsoft case. MS has repeatedly abused their monopoly position and great wealth to drive competition out of business. In doing so they have expanded their monopoly time and again. The proposed settlement is far too mild, neither appropriate for the henious crime, nor a sufficient deterent to prevent similar actions in the future.

The monopoly has been abused at the cost of citizens and corporations, be they competitors, partners, or customers, on a scale beyond compare - in terms of over charging, forced migrations, forcing the adoption of less-fit solutions, and products that are intentionally faulty. MS is a drag on the entire economy, the primary reason that the productivity increases that we all expected computers to provide has failed to materialize.

Specifically, MS' unfair and illegal destruction of competitors is a discouragement to current and future innovators.

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